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## **Removal of the taxicab stand from in front of Premises No. 55 St. Clair Avenue West**

<b>Date:</b>	December 19, 2006
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Ward:</b>	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to request Council's authority to improve traffic operational safety on the subject section of St. Clair Avenue West by removing the existing taxicab stand.

The removal of this taxicab stand will improve traffic operations in the vicinity of Premises No. 55 St. Clair Avenue West as described in this report.

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. The existing taxicab stand on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, from a point 189 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 12.8 metres further west, be rescinded.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

<b>Type of funding</b>	<b>Source of funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$400

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Michael Walker to investigate operational concerns involving the existing taxicab stand, located on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, fronting Premises No. 55.

## **COMMENTS**

The two-vehicle taxicab stand in question is located on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, from a point approximately 189 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 12 metres further west and fronts Premises No. 55 St. Clair Avenue West. The driveway access to the parking garage at Premises No. 55 is situated approximately 9 metres east of the taxicab stand. The following stopping/parking regulations are in effect on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West:

- Stopping is prohibited, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Parking (controlled by Pay and Display Machines) is allowed:
  - for a maximum period of two hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday;
  - for a maximum period of three hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday; and
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at no charge to the user.

Our site inspections revealed that taxicabs continually park beyond the allotted two-vehicle limit of the taxicab stand, often within the “Pay and Display” parking area located west of the taxicab stand. Taxicabs were also observed parking beyond the east boundary of the taxicab stand, in front of a fire hydrant and partially blocking the driveway to Premises No. 55. The taxicabs were also observed “double parking”, well out from the curb, on angles not parallel with the curb and undertaking illegal U-turns from the taxicab stand, in an area where signs indicate this manoeuvre is prohibited. During one of our site visits we witnessed a near collision when one a taxicab pulled out in front of oncoming traffic.

A review of the Toronto Police Service’s collision data records over a three-year period ending May 31, 2006, revealed four reported collisions involving taxicabs at this location.

The existing pay-and-display regulations cover the area of the existing taxicab stand. If the taxicab stand is removed, these regulations will apply within the area vacated by the taxicab stand. An increase of two parking spaces will occur.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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